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1. IN TV INTERVIEW MARCH 4, EXAFFAIR MIN SHARP SAID IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION ABOUT GOC ATTITUDE TOWARD PROPOSED US SENTINEL ABM SYSTEM, THAT "THE SITUATION IS THIS. WE ARE ONE OF THE STRONGEST PROponents OF DISARMAMENT IN THE WORLD TODAY, AND PROBABLY THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE FACING US AND FACING THE WORLD IS WHETHER THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION ARE GOING TO GO IN FOR ANOTHER ROUND OF DEFENSE EXPENDITURES STARTING WITH THE DEFENSES AROUND THE CITIES OF THE UNITED STATES AND AROUND THE CITIES OF MOSCOW, WITH ANOTHER ESCALATION RESULTING IN A STALEMATE JUST AS IT IS NOW. SO WE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO URGE BOTH SIDES TO ENGAGE IN THESE DISCUSSIONS. THIS IS, WE BELIEVE, OUR ROLE. WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF HAVING ANY DEFENSES AROUND CANADIAN CITIES. WE ARE, OF COURSE, VERY CONCERNED AS CANADIANS ABOUT THE NATURE OF THE DEFENSIVE ARRANGEMENTS IN AMERICAN CITIES BORDERING CANADA BECAUSE THE MISSILES MIGHT BE EXPLODED OVER CANADA.... WE CAN CONSULT WITH THE AMERICANS SO THAT IF THAT IS THE SITUATION, THEY CAN BE EXPLODED AS HIGH AS POSSIBLE WHERE THEY WON'T AFFECT CANADA."

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